

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, }
Monday, May 14th, 1877—7½ o'clock P. M. }

The Common Council met in regular session.

PRESENT :

His Honor, the Mayor, John Caven, in the chair, and the following members :

Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Steinhauer, Stoner, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, Wright, A. L., and Wright, W. G.—21.

Absent—Councilmen Bugbee, Reed, and Thomas—3.

His Honor, the Mayor, announced that the first business would be the election of President *pro tem.* of the Common Council, and that nominations for that office were now in order.

Councilman Izor nominated Councilman Norman S. Byram.

No further nomination being made, the Chair appointed Councilmen Marsee and Reading as tellers.

A ballot was then had, which resulted in Councilman Byram receiving 17 votes, and Councilman Martin McGinty 1 vote.

Councilman Norman S. Byram having received a majority of all the votes cast, he was declared duly elected to the office of President *pro tem.* of the Common Council for the ensuing year.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was received, and the estimate approved:

Indianapolis, May 14, 1877.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the following estimate for work done:

A first and partial estimate allowed John Schier for building a fire cistern (No. 141), at the corner of Williams and Mississippi streets—

1330.33 barrels at 38 cents per barrel.....	\$505 52
Less percentage kept back.....	151 52
Present payment.....	\$354 00

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,
City Civil Engineer.

Also, the following report; which was concurred in by paragraphs:

Indianapolis, May 14, 1877.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—I desire to call your attention to the fact that no provision is made for cleaning the tunnel lamps, the condition of which is a source of complaint. I would recommend the matter be referred to the Committee on Gas Light.

SECOND.

I herewith report the contract and bond of John W. Richardson, for grading and graveling Church street and sidewalks, between Ray and Morris streets.

Bond \$1000.00. Bondsman, James W. Hudson.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,
City Civil Engineer.

The City Clerk submitted the following report; which was received, and the several official bonds duly approved:

Indianapolis, May 14, 1877.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—I respectfully present the official bonds of the following city officers, who have otherwise qualified in accordance with the provisions of the city charter, to-wit:

Roscoe O. Hawkins, City Attorney, giving as security Chas. W. Smith and Edgar J. Foster. Penalty of bond, \$1,500.00.

Bernard H. Dietz, City Civil Engineer, giving as security Ferdinand Dietz and Frederick Schmid. Penalty of bond, \$2,000.00.

Leander A. Fulmer, Street Commissioner, giving as security H. Seibert, Richard Carr, and Joseph L. Fisher. Penalty of bond, \$2,000.00.

William O. Sherwood, Chief Fire Engineer, giving as security John Knight and J. A. Isgrigg. Penalty of bond, \$1,500.00.

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

Also, the following report; which was concurred in:

Indianapolis, May 14, 1877.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—I respectfully report the following affidavit now on file in my office, for the collection of street assessment by precept, to wit:

Andrew J. Sloan vs. Margaret E. Dorr, for \$18.75—and respectfully recommend that you order the precept to issue.

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

The precept was ordered to be issued, by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Poudner, Reading, Steinhauer, Stoner, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, Wright, A. L., and Wright, W. G.—21.

Negative—None.

Also, the following ; which was concurred in, and the appointment duly confirmed :

Indianapolis, May 14, 1877.

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen :—I hereby appoint George T. Breunig as Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, and would respectfully ask that you confirm said appointment.

Very respectfully,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

The City Marshal submitted the following ; which was concurred in, and the appointment duly confirmed :

Indianapolis, May 14, 1877.

To the Mayor and Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen :—I hereby nominate and appoint Ira Izor Deputy City Marshal, and respectfully ask that you confirm said appointment.

ALONZO D. HARVEY,

City Marshal.

The Chief Fire Engineer submitted his annual report ; which was received, and, on motion, referred to the Fire Board.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES.

Councilman Byram introduced the following ordinances ; which were read the first time :

General ordinance No. 18, 1877, entitled

An ordinance to amend section five (5) and six (6) of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance regulating the markets within the City of Indianapolis, defining the duties of Market Master, and prescribing certain rules and regulations relative to the sale of provisions, produce, and other articles in the markets and other portions of said city, ordained November 30, 1863."

General ordinance No. 19, 1877, entitled

An ordinance providing for the compensation of the officers of the City of Indianapolis, and the officers and members of the Police and Fire Departments of said city, for the fiscal year ending May 15th, 1878.

Councilman A. L. Wright introduced the following ordinance; which was read the first time:

Appropriation ordinance No. 34, 1877, entitled

An ordinance appropriating money on account of Fire and Police Departments of the city of Indianapolis.

Councilman Byram moved that the rules be suspended, and the above ordinances be now read the second time, engrossed, read the third time, and put on final passage; which motion was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Steinhauer, Stoner, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, Wright, A. L., and Wright, W. G.—21.

Negative—None.

General ordinance No. 18, 1877, was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

General ordinance No. 19, 1877, was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Appropriation ordinance No. 34, 1877, was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

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Was then read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Steinhauer, Stoner, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, Wright, A. L., and Wright, W. G.—21.

Negative—None.

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Was then read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Steinhauer, Stoner, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, Wright, A. L., and Wright, W. G.—12.

Negative—None.

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Was then read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reading,

Steinhauer, Stoner, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, Wright, A. L., and Wright, W. G.—21.

Negative—None.

ROLL CALL.

Councilman Byram offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, The late Legislature of the State of Indiana enacted a law limiting the rate of taxation in the City of Indianapolis; and

WHEREAS, Certain contracts are said to exist, between the said City of Indianapolis and the Gas and Water Works Companies of said city, which, under the existence of said law and limited rate of taxation, will prove a great burden, and be detrimental to the interests of said City of Indianapolis; Therefore, be it

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed by His Honor, the Mayor, to act with a like committee of one to be appointed by the honorable Board of Aldermen, to confer with the said Gas and Water Works Companies, and ascertain if an adjustment can not be effected between the said companies and the said city, that will be mutually satisfactory, and relieve the said city of the burden of carrying out the contracts said to exist between the city and said companies.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Lyman, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Steinhauer, Stoner, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, Wright, A. L., and Wright, W. G.—21.

Negative—None.

His Honor, the Mayor, appointed Councilmen Byram and Izor, as members of said committee on the part of the Common Council.

Councilman Byram submitted sundry bills connected with the expenses of the late general city election; which were, on motion,

referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims, without reading

Councilman McGinty presented the following petition ; and the prayer was granted, with the provision that no bridges were to be crossed with said building :

Indianapolis, May 14, 1877.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen :—I respectfully desire your honorable body to grant me a permit to move a one story and a half dwelling house from its present place, near the corner of Garden and Eddy streets, on Eddy street, down on Eddy street to Merrill street, and on Merrill street to Tennessee street, and down Tennessee street to Ray street, and south of Ray on Tennessee street, on the fourth lot from the corner of Ray and Tennessee streets. Want five days to move the same.

WM. H. H. JOHNSON.

Also, the following motion ; which was adopted as recommendatory only :

Moved, That the City Marshal be, and is hereby, directed to notify the Indianapolis, Cincinnati & Lafayette, the Indianapolis & St. Louis, the Indianapolis, Bloomington & Western, the Indianapolis & Vincennes, and the Vandalia Railroad Companies to pay the sum of six dollars each and every month to the flagman stationed at the crossing of Mississippi and Louisiana streets, commencing with the first day of May, 1877.

[This ordinance is in force since April 23, 1877.]

Councilman Steinhauer submitted a bill connected with the expenses of the late general city election ; which was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims, without reading.

Councilman Stoner presented the following petition ; which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Sewers :

Indianapolis, May 14, 1877.

To the Honorable, the City Council of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen :—The undersigned wishes to tap the sewer on Clifford avenue and Archer street, for the purpose of draining the water therein from his

Stone Saw Mill for twelve months, at a nominal rate, owing to its being entirely a new and important enterprise to this city. And most respectfully oblige,

V. CHAMBERS.

Councilman Watts submitted a bill connected with the expenses of the late general city election; which was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims, without reading.

Also, the following petition; which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys:

Indianapolis, April 14, 1877.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned petitioner would ask of your honorable body permission to put in a sink at the corner of Indiana avenue and West street, to catch the waste water falling from his well.

JOHN GAHM.

Councilman A. L. Wright submitted the bill of Mrs. D. M. Dunlap, on account of damages, amounting to \$3.80, and which was accompanied by an affidavit; referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims.

Councilman Byram, from the Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

Indianapolis, May 14, 1877.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—Your committee, to whom was referred the petition of the Trustees and Executive Committee for the Home for Friendless Women, in reference to confining the female prisoners of the city therein, have given the same due consideration, and are of the opinion that said petition should not be granted, for various reasons, the strongest of which is set forth in the remonstrance filed by W. Q. Gresham and others, which is herewith returned.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. BYRAM,

Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals.

Also, the following report from the City Dispensary; which was received :

Indianapolis, May 1, 1877.

Report of the City Dispensary from April 1st to May 1st, 1877 :

Number of visits made to families north of Washington street.....	81
Number of visits made to families south of Washington street.....	188
Number of visits to Station House.....	63
Number of persons prescribed for at Dispensary.....	432
Number of Prescriptions filled at the Dispensary.....	800
Number of Surgical cases.....	14
Number of Births.....	8
Number of Deaths.....	3

Respectfully submitted,

OTTO E. MUELLER,
Clerk City Dispensary.

Councilman Izor, from the Hospital Board, submitted the following report from the Superintendent of the City Hospital; which was received :

CITY HOSPITAL, May 10, 1877.

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen :—I would respectfully report that during the month of April I collected from pay patients the sum of fifty dollars and eighty-four cents (\$50.84), and have paid the same to the City Treasurer, as shown by accompanying duplicate receipt.

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. VAN VORHIS,
Superintendent.

Councilman Dill offered the following motion; which was adopted :

Moved, That Mr. S. W. Patterson be granted permission to move a two-story frame building from the alley between North and Walnut streets, on Delaware street to Seventh street, and on Seventh street to the corner of New Jersey street.

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On motion of Councilman Byram, the Common Council then adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor.

Attest:

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.